

lens, the method comprising:

placing the deformable intraocular lens in the enclosing member of the insertion device claimed in Claim 4;

closing the enclosing member to simultaneously deform the deformable intraocular lens and bring the deformable intraocular lens into a held state;

and then inserting the deformable intraocular lens into the eye.--.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment cancels Claim 32 without prejudice and adds new Claim 33. Upon amendment, the above-identified application will have four independent claims (Claims 4, 7, 17, and 18) and 20 total claims (Claims 4-7, 17-31, and 33). With the enclosed document entitled "Completion of Filing Requirements," the Applicants are paying the fee for filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) with four independent claims and 20 total claims. Therefore, no additional fee for excess claims is due.

Support for new Claim 33 can be found in, inter alia, the originally filed version of Claim 4 and the second paragraph on page 10 of the specification.

In items 1 and 2 of the outstanding June 26, 2000 Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 4, 5, 7, 22, 26, 27, and 30 for allegedly being anticipated by Nakajima, et al.'s U.S. Patent No. 5,496,328. In items 3-5 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 6, 17-21, 23-25, 28, 29, 31, and 32 for allegedly being obvious over the Nakajima patent in view of Eagles, et al.'s U.S. Patent No. 5,616,148. The Applicants respect-